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SUBJECT: TERRORIST RAID ON ANEF UNION HALL

1. SUMMARY: AN UNIDENTIFIED GROUP RAIDED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, A "DINAMICO" AFFILIATE, TERRORIZING PERSONNEL AND DESTROYING RECORDS. THEY ESCAPED WITH SOME UNIMPORTANT DOCUMENTS AND KEYS. THE RAID WAS PROBABLY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE GOC WILL ACTIVELY PURSUE AN INVESTIGATION SINCE DINA MAY VERY POSSIBLE HAVE HAD A HAND IN THE AFFAIR. END SUMMARY.

2. CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT JANUARY 7-8, TWO WOMEN FEIGNED ILLNESS TO GAIN ENTRANCE TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF TUCAPEL JIMENEZ' ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (ANEF) ON DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO'S MAIN STREET. THEN SIX MEN WEARING GLOVES, NYLON STOCKING MASKS, AND ARMED WITH GUNS AND KNIVES FORCED THEIR WAY IN. THE MEN SEIZED AND TRUSSED UP THE CARETAKER AND HIS FAMILY AFTER DEMANDING MONEY AND THE LOCATION OF AN ALLEGED PRINTING PRESS. THEY THEN ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO BURN ANEF RECORDS AND WROTE ANTI-UNION SLOGANS ON THE WALL. ANEF VICE PRESIDENT MILENKO MIHOVILOVIC ENTERED THE BUILDING AT THAT TIME AND WAS PROFESSIONALLY BEATEN BY THE GROUP. AFTER ALMOST AN HOUR IN THE BUILDING THEY LEFT TAKING SOME OLD ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS AND KEYS.

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3. JIMENEZ PRIVATELY TOLD LABATT THAT HE THOUGHT THE GROUP WAS FROM THE DINA AND THAT THE RAID WAS A GOC ATTEMPT TO PUNISH ANEF FOR ITS SUPPORT TO THE "DINAMICOS." HE REASONED THAT NO AMATEUR GOON SQUAD FROM EITHER THE EXTREME RIGHT OR A PRO-GOVERNMENT LABOR MOVEMENT WOULD HAVE RUN SUCH A SMOOTH OPERATION: THE GIRLS NEVER ENTERED THE BUILDING; THE CARETAKER AND FAMILY

WERE TIED SKILLFULLY AND MIHOIVILOVIC BEATEN ON FOREHEAD AND KIDNEYS, LEAVING NO BRUISES; AND THE TEAM APPEARED IN NO RUSH DURING THE OPERATION. HE DISMISSED THE POSSIBILITY THEY WERE LEFTISTS BECAUSE THEY TYPICALLY TAKE ANYTHING OF VALUE -- CALCULATORS AND TYPEWRITERS AS WELL AS CASH -- TO FINANCE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

4. COMMENT: THE ACTION CERTAINLY APPEARS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AND MAY WELL HAVE BEEN THE WORK OF A PRACTICED ORGANIZATION SUCH AS DINA OR ANOTHER OFFICIAL SERVICE. OF COURSE, GIVEN THE HETERODOXY WITHIN THE CHILEAN LABOR MOVEMENT WE DO NOT RULE OUT COMPLETELY SOME OTHER TRADE UNION GROUP. WE ARE LEFT WITH THE UNINTENTIONALLY APT OBSERVATION POLICE INVESTIGATORS ARE SAID TO HAVE MADE TO ANEF'S FRIGHTENED CARETAKER: "PEOPLE THINK THAT DINA DOES ALL THESE THINGS BUT THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS RESPONSIBLE."

5. ADDITIONAL REPORTING ON CURRENT POSITION OF "DINAMICOS" WILL FOLLOW.
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